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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jens Kossmann et al.
Application No. : 09/850,991 Confirmation No. : 3510
Filed : May 8, 2001
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR
DEBRANCHING ENZYMES FROM MAIZE
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : David T. Fox

New York, New York
July 2, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the January 14, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of three months, up to and including July 14, 2003. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows: